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SUBJ :BOPHUTHATSWANA:MANGOPE WINS

REF :A) CAPE TOWN A-18 AND
B) CAPE TOWN A-56

1. AFTER MORE THAN YEAR-LONG BATTLE,BOPHUTHATSWANA CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE IS NOW IN POSITION TO EXPEL TWO DISSIDENT BOPHUTHATSWANA CABINET MEMBERS,CHIEFS HERMAN MASELOANE AND J.TOTO, FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. THESE TWO CHIEFS HAVE FORMED RALLYING POINT OF OPPOSITION TO MANGOPE AND FOR MANY MONTHS SAG,WHICH HAS WANTED TO KEEP CHIEF MINISTER IN LINE, HAS REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST THAT HE BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO SACK THEM (REF A).

2. RECENTLY,BOPHUTHATSWANA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AMENDED HOMELAND CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW CHIEF MINISTER TO DISMISS CABINET MEMBERS WITHOUT SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN STATE PRESIDENT. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ITSELF NEEDED SAG IMPRIMATUR TO BECOME OPERATIVE. THIS WAS GRANTED BY PUBLICATION OF AMENDMENT IN APRIL 3 SAG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. NO LEGAL BARRIERS NOW EXIST TO PREVENT MANGOPE FROM FORMALLY DISMISSING THE TWO CHIEFS.

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3. IN RECENT MONTHS, MANGOPE'S OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF
US SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED. THIS RELATIVELY AMICABLE
APPROACH,HIGHLIGHTED BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S
APPEARANCE AT BOPHUTHATSWANA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN EARLY
MARCH (REF B) HAS APPARENTLY NOW BORNE DESIRED FRUIT FOR
MANGOPE.

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